

### **KAHO'OLawe- IN RECOGNITION**

#### **1. GRATEFUL FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING ON ISLAND**

- a. MAHALO TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE SUCH A VISIT POSSIBLE-WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE-ALOHA SPIRIT
- b. A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE UNDER VERY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS
- c. THE STAFF OF YOUNG HAWAIIANS ARE THE EPITOMY OF DEDICATED, PROFESSIONAL, LOYAL FUTURE HAWAIIANS, CONFIDENT AND PROUD

#### **2. MUCH WORK AHEAD**

- a. URGENT TO KEEP MOMENTUM – NOT YEARS, DECADES, NOR LIFETIME -- IMUA !!
- b. CLEANUP FIRST PRIORITY – ACCESS TO AINA AND OCEAN RESOURCES
- c. BUILD ON SUCCESS
  - i. GET NEW ADVOCATES
  - ii. GO BACK TO US NAVY AND START OVER WITH NEW LEADERSHIP ON BOTH SIDES TO REASSESS THE USEFULNESS OF THE ISLAND AND THE NEED FOR RENEWED EFFORTS TO **REMOVE ALL UXOs**
  - iii. CONSIDER ALL NATIONS WHOSE MILITARY FORCES USED THE ISLAND FOR TARGET – EXPLORE THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS TO HELP IN THIS HEALING EFFORT
- d. HARNESS THE NEW HAUMANA, THE NEW OPIO, THE COLLEGE EDUCATED, THE PROFESSORS-WE ARE LOSING TOO MANY TO THE WAYS OF WESTERN THINKING-WANTS/DESIRES, BEHAVIOR, MATERIALISTIC VALUES – WE ARE EXPERIENCING BRAIN DRAIN, A LOSS WE CANNOT AFFORD
- e. HAWAII DESERVES TO RECOGNIZE ITSELF IN THIS TROUBLED WORD – WE ARE STUCK ON HIGH INCARCERATIONS, OBESITY, DIABETES, UNEMPLOYMENT, FAMILY ABUSE, FRUSTRATIONS – ALL NEGATIVES, ONLY PILIKIA!! – CHANGE THE PARADIGM
- f. MAKE THIS SPECIAL ISLAND THE PIKO, THE CATALYST, THE LAUNCH PAD FOR A NEW HAWAII FULL OF POTENTIAL FOR OUR KEIKI
- g. OPTIMIZE USE OF MODERN TOOLS, MACHINERY AND TECHNOLOGIES TO SALVAGE THE AINA – CANNOT AFFORD TO LET THE CONTINUING EROSION DEplete THE VALUABLE TOP SOIL AND LOSING THE VALUABLE FLORA THAT HAD BEEN PLANTED WITH SO MUCH ALOHA UNDER MOST CHALLENGING CONDITIONS

#### **3. **GIVE RECOGNITION** – PONO WAY**

- a. SPECIAL MAHALO TO SYD“BOY” KAWAHAKUI WHO DEMONSTRATED UNTIRING, UNSELFISH PERFORMANCE OF KULEANA
- b. ACCOLADES ALSO GO TO STAFF ASSISTANTS, KATIE KAMELAMELA, ANELA EVANS, HILARY ARAKAKI, TASHA TONG (WHO DID THE VIDEO), AND THE OTHERS WHO ARE DOING OUTSTANDING TEAM WORK WITHOUT FANFARE.
- c. A PERSONAL THANKS TO KIM BIRNIE WHO DID A SUPERB JOB OF MOB CONTROL WITH ALOHA
- d. PROMOTE THEM AS THE HEROES, IDOLS, THE NEW GENERATION OF PEACE WARRIORS WITH WORTHY, NOBLE ASPIRATIONS
- e. HAWAIIANS HAVE TALENT
- f. FLY A HUGE HAWAIIAN FLAG WITH SOLAR POWERED LIGHTS AT TOP OF ISLAND WHEN THE ISLAND IS FINALLY CLEARED – SO ALL OF HAWAII CAN CELEBRATE AND GIVE PRAISE TO EACH AND EVERY PROTECT KAHOOLOWE OHANA MEMBER FOR THEIR CARING MALAMA OF THE AINA

#### 4. CELEBRATE SUCCESS

- a. DOCUMENTARY ON OLELO, HISTORY CHANNEL, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND HAWAII TV AND PUBLIC RADIO, USE THE SOCIAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGIES
- b. INFORM OUR PEOPLE AND TELL THE WORLD
- c. DO IT MULTIPLE WAYS – PONO WAY, HAWAIIAN ASSETS, HAWAIIAN RESOURCES – PERHAPS THIS FORMAT:
  - i. KAHIKO-REMINDER OF OUR PAST HISTORY OF GREATNESS – FOR THE KUPUNA WHO MUST BE INFORMED FOR THEY PAVED THE WAY AND WILL STEER OUR CANOE THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES
  - ii. AUWANA-THE WAY OF A PONO FUTURE - FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS

#### 5. LET US GO FORWARD AND WIN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE – IT IS THEM, WHO WILL PUT PRESSURE ON, AND INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT, THE POLITICIANS, THE MILITARY. IT IS THEM WHO WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### 6. GO BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FOR RENEGOTIATION OF CLEAN UP – REFERENCING HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS OF AMERICAN WARTIME LITTERING IN PACIFIC ISLANDS, KOREA, VIETNAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA, ETC., WITH RADIATION DISEASES, UXOs ACCOMPANIED BY INNOCENT CHILDREN WITH LOSS OF LIMBS AND MAIMED FOR LIFE. PROCEED WITH ALOHA SIMPLY STATING THAT THERE WAS A MISTAKE IN THE ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THE EMOTIONAL AURA IS OVER AND THE REALIZATION THAT CLEANUP MUST BE TOTAL, IN ORDER TO FULLY HEAL THE ISLAND – THAT THE AMERICAN FORCES MUST BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS AND IT WILL BE HONORABLE FOR THEM TO CLEAN UP THE UXOs. A LOT OF AMERICAN DOLLARS ARE SPENT ANNUALLY IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, MILITARY AID, SUPPORT FOR OVERSEAS STATIONING OF FORCES. IT IS TIME TO DIVERT THOSE DOLLARS TO PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES ON THE HOMEFRONT, CLEANING UP THE MILITARY ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY OF WARS. KAHOO LAWE IS HAWAII'S BREAKTHROUGH FOR A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO CHANGE THE PARADIGM, FROM VIOLENT, DESTRUCTIVE WAYS TO PEACEFUL ENDEAVORS OF CLEAN UP, RESTORATION OF THE AINA, AND RECOVERY OF A PRECIOUS ISLAND DAMAGED AND DESTROYED OF ITS LIVING HOPES. KANALOA WEEPS SILENTLY IN OUR CARE. ITS TEARS FLOW DOWN HER RED CHEEKS, CUTTING GULLIES, TAKING THE GOOD SOIL, WHILE EXPOSING THE BAD MILITARY OPALA, INTO OUR TREASURED OCEAN RESOURCES. AUWE!! KANALOA WAITS GRACEFULLY AS ALL HAWAIIANS WRESTLE WITH DAILY PRIORITIES.

#### 7. POST WWII HISTORY OF MARSHALL PLAN, GERMANY RECOVERY AND RETURN OF OVER 270 MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT (NOT TO LOCAL GROUPS, VILLAGES, TOWNS, CITIES, COUNTIES, DISTRICTS AND STATES). GERMANS USED THEIR OWN GEOLOGISTS, ANTHROPOLOGISTS, BOTANISTS, AGRONOMISTS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND ENGINEERS WHO WERE THE INSPECTORS REPRESENTING THEIR GOVERNMENT IN ACCEPTING OR REJECTING THE LAND AND FACILITIES BACK FROM US FORCES. OPTIONS INCLUDED TAKING OUT ALL FACILITIES ON AND BELOW GROUND, DEMOLISHING AND REMOVING SELECTED STRUCTURES, OR LEAVING ALL INFRASTRUCTURES INTACT. STIPULATIONS WERE THAT THE CONTAMINATION AND HAZARDOUS WASTE WERE TO BE CLEANED UP – TO THEIR STANDARDS. AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WAS TURNED OVER TO THE GERMANS WAS A BRAND NEW HOSPITAL, BUILT FOR THE US AIR FORCE AT RHEIN MAIN AIRBASE, TURNED OVER UNUSED BY THE MILITARY! MANY BARRACKS, MILITARY HOUSING, OFFICES, TANK PARKS, HARD STANDS, MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, REFUELING POINTS AND LIVE-FIRING AS WELL AS NON-LIVE-FIRING TRAINING AREAS HAD TO BE PREPPED FOR TURNOVER IN

ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR INSPECTION STANDARDS. BOTTOM LINE: EITHER AMERICAN FORCES USED US DOLLARS, PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AND/OR US PAID GERMAN CLEANUP CAPABILITIES – THEY DID NOT ACCEPT ANY “AS IS” CONDITIONS, NOR DID THEY CONSIDER THAT THEY HAD TO CLEAN IT UP BEFORE THEY COULD PUT THE RETURNED REAL ESTATE BACK INTO FULL USE.

8. APPROACHES:

- a. GATHER, SORT, AND DIGITIZE ALL AVAILABLE MAPS FROM CIVIL AND MILITARY SOURCES TO CHART THE EVOLUTION OF THE ISLAND TO INCLUDE ANY EARLY AERIAL PHOTOS OF TARGET ENGAGEMENTS AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS USED TO EVALUATE WEAPONS' EFFECTIVENESS AND ACCURACIES
- b. FIND OUT WHERE TARGETS WERE PLACED TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS TO CERTAIN FOOTPRINTS
- c. FOCUS ON GULCHES, RAVINES, WASHOUTS WHERE WATER RUSHES THROUGH, TO BE CLEARED OF UXOs – BEFORE THE GROWTH GETS SO DENSE TO MAKE IT MOST DIFFICULT TO CLEAR
- d. CONDUCT COASTAL WATER SAMPLING DURING AND AFTER ALL HEAVY RAINS AND STORMS TO COLLECT DATA TO SUPPORT ANY EFFORTS REQUIRED TO CLEAN UP CONTAMINATION OF OCEAN RESOURCES AND REMEDIAL ACTIONS- HOLD THE STATE CADRE LIVING ON-ISLAND ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT??? SPECIFY EXACTLY WHAT THEY DO AND DO NOT DO-WITH REGULAR REPORTS OF ACTIONS BY EACH OCCUPANT – RELOOK WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THEIR PRESENCE – OPTIMIZE EVERY PERSON'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MALAMA THE AINA. ASK AGAIN, WHAT ALL THAT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS ARE ON THE ISLAND FOR? WHAT KIND OF SKILLS, KNOWLEDGES, AND TOOLS ARE NEEDED ON THE ISLAND TO REGAIN MOMENTUM, TO IMPROVE ON RESULTS FROM OUR PRECIOUS, LIMITED FUNDING? NO HOMESTEADERS. LIMIT ASSIGNMENTS WITH TANGIBLE RESULTS AND TIMELINES. KULEANA. ACCOUNTABILITY.
- e. HARNESS USE OF MODERN MACHINERY TO INCLUDE UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs), ROBOTICS, ULTRA-SOUND, XRAY, SONAR, MINERALS FINDING TECHNOLOGIES, AND ADVANCED NAVAL UNDERWATER DRONES TECHNOLOGIES TO MINIMIZE RISKS IN CLEANUP
- f. DEVELOP MULTI-NATIONAL, MULTI-FUNDING SOURCE, MULTI-EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO CONSOLIDATE ACTIVITIES, CREATE JOBS FOR HAWAIIANS AND EVALUATE PROGRAM PROGRESS WITH SPECIFIC DOABLE, MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES
- g. DEVISE SMALL, PORTABLE LANDING PIER FOR THE ZODIAC TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PROVISIONS, MACHINERY, TECHNOLOGIES AT HAKIOAWA. CONSIDER USING JET SKIS TO MOVE MORE KUPUNA ONTO THE ISLAND FOR THEIR FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE OF THE AINA, CONTRIBUTIONS, PARTICIPATION.
- h. INSTALL SOLAR SUPPORTED CLANDESCENT INFRARED DETECTION SYSTEMS AROUND BASE CAMP (HAKIOAWA) AND ALL SAND BEACHES TO RECORD/DOCUMENT ILLEGAL/UNWANTED TRESSPASSERS AND INTRUSIONS ON ISLAND – ERECT SIGNAGE TO GIVE WARNINGS – HAVE FRIENDS WITH BOATS THAT GO TO THE ISLAND AND SPEND NIGHTS ON BEACHES FISHING AND GATHERING – ON-GOING, UNDETECTED OR,.....
- i. EXPLORE FRESH WATER SOURCES, MODERN, ADVANCED WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS, UNDERWATER SPRINGS WITH PIPELINE FROM WEST MAUI OR EAST LANAI, .....
- j. ENGAGE COAST GUARD SURFACE, AIR, AND/OR DLNR WATERBORNE SECURITY TO SPORADICALLY PATROL HAKIOAWA AND WESTERN AREA SAND BEACHES

FOR TRESSPASSING AND POACHING – INCLUDE MONITORING OF HONU AND MONK SEALS NESTING/PRESENCE/COUNT FOR DATA COLLECTION

- k. REQUEST DOD SUPER FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, POLICIES
- l. GET CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES TO HO'OPONOPONO ON GETTING MILITARY TO CLEANUP TO HAWAIIAN STANDARDS
- m. USE THE CIVIL WORKS CAPABILITIES OF THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO RESEARCH AND ESTABLISH AN ISLAND INTEGRATED WATER SYSTEM COMPOSED OF REFORESTATION, WATER RETENTION TERRACING, WATER RESERVOIR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, STREAM/RIVER RESTORATION, WETLANDS RECOVERY, .....
- n. REQUEST DOD USE CURRENT PROGRAMS WHERE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS ENGINEERING, SEABEES, RED HORSE UNITS TO CONDUCT HORIZONTAL AND LIMITED VERTICLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TRAINING ON ISLAND AS PART OF ON-GOING UNIT PROFICIENCY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES – INCLUDE PROVIDING ALL NEEDED SKILLED PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, ENERGY AND MATERIALS – AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY PERFORMING FOR NATIONS IN THE PACIFIC UNDER USAID. THIS IS TO HELP IN THE HEALING OF THE ISLAND THAT TOOK THE BRUNT OF WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM LIVE-FIRE EFFECTS WHICH NOW SITS CRIPPLED IN THE OCEAN, IN NEED OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE. LET THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DOD ANNOUNCE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR AN ISLAND THAT WITHSTOOD THE DESTRUCTIVE, VIOLENT TREATMENT FROM AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES AND THOSE OF ALLIED NATIONS IN THE PACIFIC.

9. ESTABLISH STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP TO FORMULATE BEST, INFORMED PRACTICES FOR NEGOTIATING FUTURE POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL APPROACHES IN THE PONO WAY.

10. ABOVE LIST IS A COLLECTION OF THOUGHTS TO STIMULATE CRITICAL THINKING FOR WAYS OF THE FUTURE. IF NOTHING ELSE, I FEEL THAT I SPEAK FOR ALL THOSE LIVING KUPUNAS WHO HAVE NEVER STEPPED ON BEAUTIFUL KAHOOLAWA, WHO ARE OUT THERE SILENT, UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE, MANY WHO HAVE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THOUGHTS AND MANA ON THE HAWAIIAN WAY TO MAKE KAHOOLAWA WELL. TIME RUNS OUT FOR TOO MANY, TOO QUICK THAT THEY TAKE WITH THEM VITAL KNOWLEDGES THAT BECOME GONE FOREVER. DO NOT DENY THEIR ENGAGEMENT.

11. AGAIN, I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU DO. MAY KE AKUA GRANT YOU THE WISDOM AND MANA TO MAKE THE HARD WORK PAY OFF SOME DAY SOON. A QUOTE FROM STEPHEN R. COVEY'S BOOK "FIRST THINGS FIRST- EVERY DAY": "IN YOUR HANDS IS THE POWER THE CHOOSE".

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